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Sir

In response to the Official Action dated June 22, 2006, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on September 22, 2006, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and objection in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper. Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.